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Committee Leaders Named For Children's Xmas Party

Various committee chairmen have been named to handle certain phases of arrangements for the coming Children's Christmas Party, to be held Dec. 19, under auspices of the Monterey County Central Labor Council at Salinas, according to Council Secretary A. J. Clark.

John F. Mattos, secretary of Laborers Union 272, is still nominally the general chairman of the Christmas Party, with Carl Lara and others as assistants, it was reported.

The party is held each year for youngsters, usually at the Salinas High School Auditorium, and the 3000 kiddies who attend are treated to a circus-type show, followed by visit of Santa Claus and distribution of gifts, candy, fruit and other favors. It's free to children and adults are discouraged from attending, due to limited capacity of the auditorium.

Randolph Fenchel, late president of the Laborers Hall Association and prominent Salinas union official and city employee, was the general chairman for the successful parties of past years, spending months prior to the parties in directing arrangements. He had been assisted by Mattos, who became chairman upon Brother Fenchel's death a few weeks ago.

The list of committee chairmen was announced at the last meeting of the labor council, Clark said. Further reports on the party plans will be made at this week's meeting. Chairmen include:

Auditorium—J. A. Knight and R. A. Wood.

Publicity—A. J. Clark.

Tree—H. B. Baldwin and J. Martin.

Candy Packaging—Janet Barber.

Electrical Work—Dial H. Miles.

Candy Buying—Glen Wilkerson.

Program—Jimmie Butler and John Lewis.

Decorations—Peter Greco.

Transportation—Earl Choate.

Toy Distribution—John Mattos and Robert Shinn.

Santa Claus Visit—Jimmie Butler.

Spotlight and Stage Lights—Arthur Reina and Al Finlay Jr.

Business at the labor council meeting of Nov. 20 included also:

Acceptance of Manuel M. Carvalho as new delegate.

Introduction of and short talk by Walter Pierce, international vice president of the Barbers Union, who told of barber affairs throughout the west.

Report by Laborers Union 272 of donations to the Labor Scholarship Fund and to the National Assn. for Advancement of Colored People.

Thanks to the council from Teachers Union 1020 for assistance in the successful campaign for school bonds in Salinas.

Report by Teachers 1020 on its recent spaghetti dinner, where Dr. Jerome Davis, world traveler and lecturer, was guest and speaker.

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Highlands Inn Wage Settled

Wage for hotel employees of the Highlands Inn was settled last week in negotiations with Hotel, Restaurant and Bartenders Union 483, according to Robert Armstrong, union secretary.

The new wage involves an increase of 15 cents an hour, retroactive to July '53. Negotiations have been under way for several months.

Farmers Are Urged to Work With U.S. Labor

(AFL Release)

Burlington, Vt.—George Meany, AFL president, told the 86th annual session of the National Grange here that labor has "a direct and sympathetic interest" in the problems of the farmer, and that labor is especially concerned at this time with the serious decline in



farm income, which "bears an uncomfortable parallel" with the decline that led to the depression in 1929.

The current months, he said, are critical "in determining whether our economy is to turn upward to more prosperous levels or fall back." Present danger signs cannot be ignored.

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PRICE SPREAD SHOCKING

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BUTCHERS GAIN NEW WHOLESALE CONTRACT HERE

Final requests by Butchers Union 506 for a wage increase covering workers in wholesale meat plants resulted last week in completion of a new wage scale, Union Secretary Earl A. Moorhead announced.

The 5 per cent boost asked by slaughterhouse workers, by-product plant workers and service sales drivers was granted prior to the deadline of Friday which the union members had set when negotiations bogged down.

Moorhead said the increase is effective as of Nov. 16. All major wholesale plant operators had agreed to the new wage scale, he added.

The liar's punishment is not in the least that he is not believed, but that he cannot believe anyone else.—Show.

'PLUG BOARD' BACK ON JOB FOR LABORERS

Laborers Union 690 of Monterey announced last week that it is resuming use of the "plug board," under which members can check quickly as to their standing on the "out of work" list.

Union Secy. George E. Jenkins said the work picture is static just now and that members have suggested that the board be used once more, so that they may check less frequently and still not lose their chance at jobs when their turns come.

Some new work for members of Local 690 is expected shortly with start of plastering at the Navy Engineering School building at Del Monte. The plaster work is to get under way at once, weather permitting, it was reported.

Ten members of Local 690 will be given turkeys at the union's meeting next Wednesday night (Dec. 9) at the Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman St., Monterey. All members were urged to attend the meeting.

Plans for the coming Christmas party for members of Local 690 and their children are progressing well, Jenkins reported. Detailed announcement is expected next week.

LABORERS SET S.F. MEETING

Representatives of Laborers' unions throughout northern California will gather in San Francisco this Saturday for a special meeting of the District Council of Laborers.

Intl. President Joseph Moreschi is expected to be present, along with other high officials of the union. All unions have been urged to send delegates to hear discussions on welfare plans and other matters.

Monterey CLC Bans Affiliation In Trade Body

Proposals that the Monterey Peninsula Central Labor Council affiliate with the Monterey Chamber of Commerce have been rejected as result of an informal referendum vote among various unions to determine if such affiliation is desired.

While the council will not join the Chamber of Commerce, it will, however, cooperate with the trade group in any project of community value which is endorsed by Labor, it was agreed.

Anchovy Pack

At least two fish canning plants on Monterey's famous Cannery Row processed substantial loads of anchovies in the days preceding Thanksgiving Day last week, union officials said. Twenty tons of anchovies were delivered to Peninsula Packing Co., 85 tons to California Packing Corp. The Hovden plant received and processed 80 tons of squid, it was reported.

RIISING COST OF ELECTRICITY TOPIC AT DENVER MEET

Washington, D. C.—The National Farmers Union is calling a National Electric Consumers' Conference in Denver, Dec. 10 and 11. The call for the meeting is going out over the signature of James G. Patton. It is understood Patton will assert that the whole pattern of the present administration's power policy is to increase the cost of electricity to consumers and that a positive program of action must be drawn up to protect the consumer.

Honorary Chairman of the Conference is long-time liberal engineer and former REA administrator Morris L. Cooke. The list of participants will include Senator Robert S. Kerr of Oklahoma and Senator William Langer of North Dakota.

Although the conference is being called by the Farmers Union, it is understood that many other organizations will participate in the meeting and in the program drawn up for future action.

BARBER V.P. VISITS AREA

Walter Pierce, international vice president of the International Association of Journeymen Barbers, was in Monterey County last week to confer with union officials and others.

Pierce visited for some time with Jimmie Butler, secretary of Barbers Union 827, Salinas, and attended the labor council meeting in Salinas.

During his visits with officials of Local 827 and Monterey Local 896, Pierce discussed working agreements and problems concerning union by-laws, it was reported.

Labor Paper 19 Yrs.

Kenosha, Wis. (LPA)—With its Oct. 29 issue the Kenosha Labor began its 19th year. Printed in Milwaukee until 1939, it then opened its present plant here. It is published by the AFL and CIO unions of Kenosha.

State Approves Hearst Castle Memorial Park

At a special meeting attended by Monterey union officials, city officials and many others, the California State Beaches and Parks Commission voiced approval of state acceptance of the Hearst San Simeon Estate for a memorial park, it was announced by union leaders.

Robert Armstrong, secretary, and James Dunn, representative, of Monterey Hotel, Restaurant and Bartenders Union 483, attended the sessions in Sacramento, traveling there with Mayor Dan Searle of Monterey, in the latter's private plane.

Acceptance of the Hearst Castle and the vast estate as a state historical monument entails legislative action and a "lot of red tape," Armstrong explained.

The state park commissioners approved the proposal for a memorial to the late William Randolph Hearst, and recommended that an admission charge for tourists be levied to help pay costs of upkeep. The Hearst heirs have offered the property to the state as a memorial.

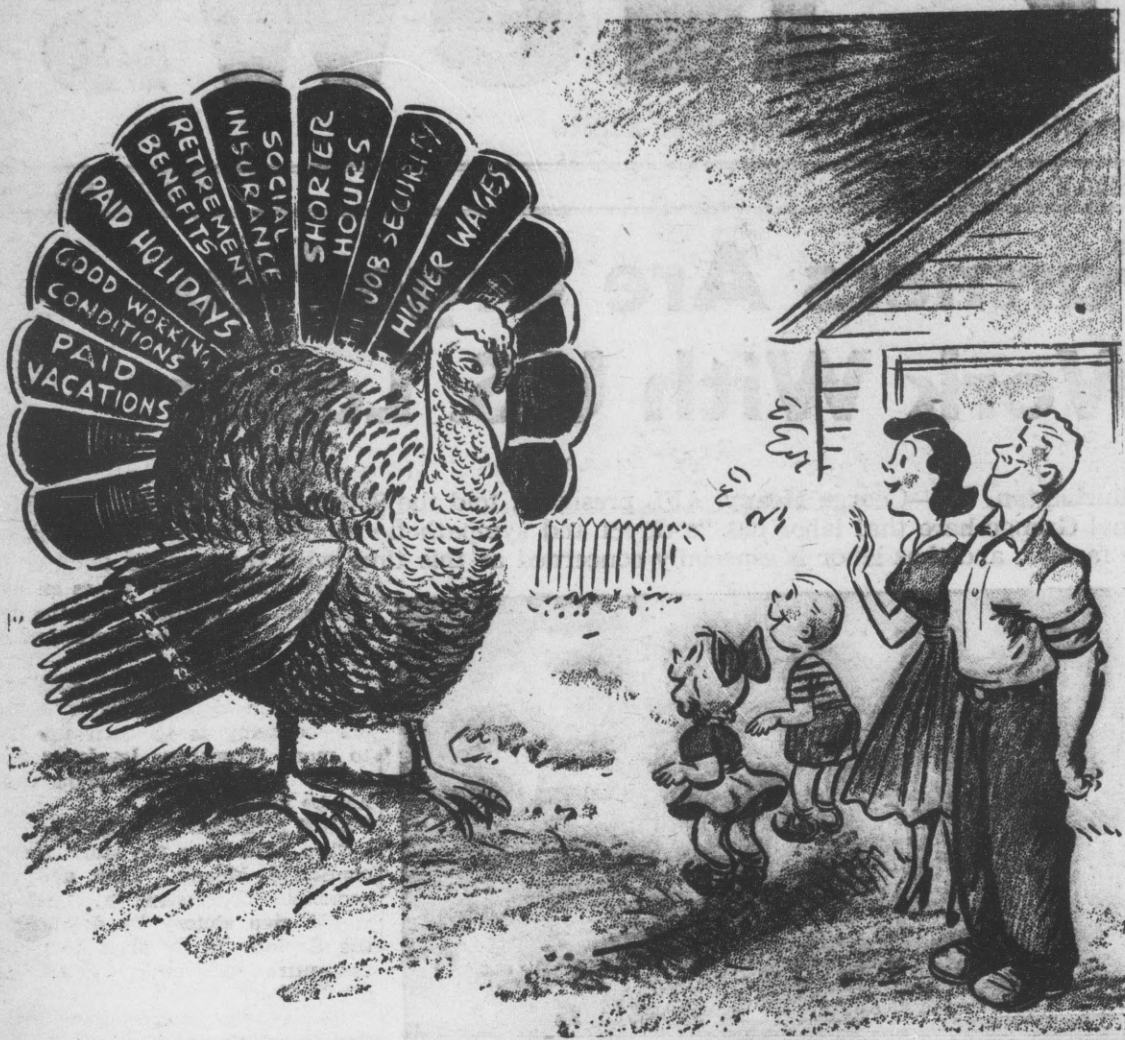
Civic leaders of the entire Monterey Peninsula were interested in the park proposal, pointing out that the attraction of the Hearst Estate would add to the number of tourists to visit the area annually, would bring added revenue to restaurant operators and other businessmen and would create new jobs. City councils and others urged the state accept the Hearst offer.

The Hearst Castle, which overlooks San Simeon Bay, contains a highly prized collection of art objects and historical relics. The public has never been admitted to the castle or its grounds.

Union Essay Contest

Hazleton, Pa. (LPA)—Local 225, International Ladies Garment Workers, is sponsoring an essay contest for members of school safety patrols on the topic, "Why I Like to Serve as a School Safety Patrolman." Two \$25 bonds and two prizes of \$10 each are offered.

Union Family's Thanksgiving



Here They Come Again

Last summer, after the Associated General Contractors had lost their second strike in two years, those wise in the ways of labor relations began to predict that the more uncompromising members of the AGC might seek a radical solution to their difficulties.

PRODUCTION DIPS SLIGHTLY

National production of goods and services dipped slightly in the third quarter for the first time in three and a half years. Slower accumulation of business inventories was the chief factor in the decline, the Commerce Department said.

Third quarter output set a yearly pace of \$369 billion. This was \$3½ billion below the rate of the preceding three months. It was the first time since the fourth quarter of 1949, when the economy was feeling the effects of a slight recession, that production failed to rise above the previous quarter.

Consumer spending, construction outlays and investments in new plant and equipment during the third quarter maintained the high levels of the preceding three months, the department said. But manufacturing, wholesale and retail firms added only \$4½ billion to their stocks. This compared with an \$8.8 billion rise in inventories during the June quarter.

AFL Pledges Support To Plantation Workers

Washington (LPA)—Full support of the AFL for 1200 striking Louisiana plantation worker seeking union recognition was pledged by President George Meany. "The AFL," he said, "repudiates the idea expressed by certain sugar cane corporation officials that it is national and state policy to forbid agricultural workers to form a union and act in concert. The AFL will use its best efforts to prevent any group of workers from being denied the fundamental right to organize and bargain with their employers."

In a letter to H. L. Mitchell, president of the AFL National Agricultural Workers Union, whose members are on strike against four of the largest sugar cane producing corporations in Louisiana, Meany said he was calling on all AFL affiliates "to give immediate consideration to your appeal for financial assistance in helping to win this strike of sugar cane plantation workers in Louisiana."

To make a long story short don't tell it.

Optimists within labor's ranks minimized this. They pointed to the once ferocious waterfront employers, who, after waging war on the ILWU for years, finally decided in favor of industrial peace, hence the "new look" on the waterfront; they stressed the fact that perhaps even the tough guys in AGC ranks had learned that our construction unions are here to stay.

The optimists seem to have been wrong.

At least this seems to have been the conclusion reached in Sacramento last Saturday after a day-long emergency meeting called by the Sacramento-Yolo Building Trades Council, a meeting attended by building trades officials from all over northern California. (Five San Francisco representatives attended: Clement Clancy, president of the Bay District Council of Carpenters, Jack Smith of the Plasterers, Joe Cambiano and Don Cameron of the Carpenters, and Jack Wagner of the Pile Drivers.)

What the meeting revealed is that the Builders Exchange, an organization which has been somewhat in shadow since the AGC took over in 1940, is now trying very hard for a come-back.

It has already started to organize a confederation of local builders' organizations in the 46 northern counties, and is suspected of being behind the present state of affairs in Modesto, where (it is reported) many local builders are conducting a vigorous open shop drive.

One Bay Area union representative at the meeting said flatly that the present Builders' Exchange program "is just the 'American Plan' open shop drive of the early 1920's in modern dress."

In 1921, when open shop-minded employers first introduced their union-busting program, our construction unions were in a sense unprepared. But this will not, if the Builders' Exchange means business, be the case today.

Last Saturday's meeting saw the formulation of very practical plans for meeting this employer onslaught, if it develops as predicted. Incidentally, it was pointed out at the Sacramento meeting that the Builders' Exchange has close ties with the National Association of Manufacturers. And it was stated, in so many words, that the organization is in a very real sense behind the Modesto open shop drive.

What's Socialism? Meany Asks, Citing US Aid to Business

Burlington, Vt. (LPA)—Americans are being advised "even by those in high places" that it's time to turn over many functions of the federal government to the states, said AFL President Meany; that otherwise, the people are warned, the government "is bound to become a Welfare State or a Socialist State—either of the creeping or galloping variety."

Speaking before the National Grange, Meany confessed that he was "no expert on socialism, nor its application to the American way of life. In fact, the more I study it, the more confusing the evidence becomes." Then he cited these examples:

"Was it socialism when our government subsidized the construction of grand trunk railroads spanning our country from coast to coast, or was it a sound investment in the development of a great nation?"

"Is it socialism when our government spends large sums to help steamship lines and airplane transportation, or is that in line with sound national policy for the full development of these vital facilities?"

"Is it socialism when the government provides a subsidy to newspaper and magazine publishers through a below-cost rate for second-class mailing privileges, or should we charge that up to education?"

"Is it socialism when the government assumes all the risk of mortgage lending under the Federal Housing Administration?"

"Is it socialism only when the government puts a floor under wages or places price supports under crops?"

"Why are such functions, which protect the living standards of millions of our citizens from being down-graded, criticized as socialist while not a harsh word is directed against the bonanza of billions of dollars received by the big corporations in fast tax write-offs on new plants?"

"In my opinion, the American people are much more disturbed by a helpless and floundering government than by one which charts a clear-cut course of action. They are much more worried about the tendency to let the 48 states do it than by a federal government which tried to do an effective job itself."

"There is a great deal of hard common sense in this public attitude, confirmed by recent election results."

"How to Break a Strike" MOHAWK VALLEY FORMULA

(In 1936, James Rand, Jr., President of Remington Rand Inc., developed the "Mohawk Valley Formula," a detailed, step-by-step plan to break a strike called in six of his plants. "Two million businessmen," he said, "have been looking for a formula like this..." The National Association of Manufacturers published Rand's Mohawk Valley Formula, named after New York's Mohawk Valley where plenty of his plants were located, as a model for "industrial peace." The National Labor Relations Board, however, described Rand's policy as a battle plan for industrial warfare. This summary is taken from Leon Goodell's book, LOOK AT LABOR.)

STEP 1: When a strike is threatened, label union leaders as "agitators" to discredit them with the public and their own followers. In the plant conduct a forced balloting under the direction of foremen, to ascertain the strength of the union, and to make possible misrepresentation of the strikers as a small minority imposing their will on the majority.

STEP 2: Exert economic pressure through threats to move the plant. Align influential members of the community into a cohesive group opposed to the strike. Include in this group bankers, real estate owners and businessmen.

STEP 3: When a strike is called raise the banner of law and order thereby causing the community to mass legal and police weapons against a wholly imagined violence and to forget that those of its members who are employees have equal rights with other members of the community.

STEP 4: Call a "mass meeting" of the citizens to coordinate public sentiment against the strike.

STEP 5: Bring about the formation of a large armed police force to intimidate the strikers and exert a psychological effect upon its citizens.

STEP 6: Organize a "back to work" movement, operated by a puppet association of so-called "loyal employees" secretly organized by the employer. Then stage an "opening" of the plant gates, and have the "loyal employees" march into the grounds protected by squads of armed police, so as to give to the opening a dramatic and exaggerated quality and thus heighten the demoralizing effect.

STEP 7: Continue the show of police force and the pressure of citizens committees, both to insure that these employees who have returned will continue to work and to force the remaining strikers to capitulate.

STEP 8: Announce that the plant is in full operation and that the strikers were merely a minority attempting to interfere with the "right to work." With this, the campaign is over—the employer has broken the strike!

Slave Labor, Today's Version—

Injunctions Prohibit Union Meetings In Vicious Battle of the Plantations

Temporary respite, awaiting court decisions, has been declared in the AFL battle against vicious southern sugar corporations now going all-out to kill budding unionism in this exploited field, according to word received from Pres. H. L. Mitchell of the Natl. Agricultural Workers Union.

"On November 9, the Union sent nearly 1,000 of its members who have been on strike for nearly 30 days back to work on the plantations, until such time as the U.S. Supreme Court can act to set aside a series of injunctions issued by Louisiana courts which make it impossible to maintain an effective strike," President Mitchell wrote.

"THESE INJUNCTIONS PROHIBIT THE HOLDING OF UNION MEETINGS, THE DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER, THE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AND INFORMATION AND ALL PICKETING OF THE PLANTATIONS AND MILLS, OR EMPLOYERS, OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF ACTIVITY THAT MIGHT AFFECT THE BUSINESS OF THE FOUR LARGE SUGAR CANE CORPORATIONS, WHOSE PLANTATIONS WERE SHUT DOWN."

"If these State Court injunctions are permitted to stand, every other union in the country may soon find the same kind of procedure used to break their strikes and organizing campaigns."

"Although 95 per cent of the sugar cane plantation workers who were on strike returned to work this week, over 100 workers, mostly local union leaders, are remaining out of the fields until such time as the higher courts may act on the appeals against these union busting injunctions. Your contribution will therefore be used to help the families of these workers and to carry on the legal battle to defend the rights of all workers to organize, to strike, and to picket."

"Although the sugar cane workers did not achieve their full objectives in this strike, gains have been made and the union is holding all of its members. Organization of workers on the plantations and mills of Louisiana will go forward, and the suffering and sacrifice has not been in vain. It may take another year but we will win and shall be recognized."

Adopt Program to Combat Recession, Warn of Downturn

Cleveland (LPA) — Adopting a nine-point anti-depression program, the CIO declared the nation's economy is "confronted with a major change in direction" and that "this decline will gather momentum in 1954 unless effective counter measures are adopted."

The convention resolution demanded "tax legislation which will give priority in tax relief to the low and lower-middle income groups" and in a separate resolution the delegates pledged all-out opposition to any form of a federal sales tax, pointing out that President Eisenhower "has been flirting" with the idea of endorsing such a measure.

The program also called for "a clear-cut reversal of the banker-dominated money policies of the new Administration," including a return to lower interest rates; expanded Social Security coverage and benefits; boosting the federal minimum wage to \$1.25 an hour from the present 75 cents; national health insurance; higher wages and increased unemployment compensation benefits.

A well-planned program of public works as a "counter-depression instrument" was urged together with abandonment of the Administration's "doctrinaire devotion to budget balancing" and "a realistic farm program to restore the income position of the nation's farm families."

The Army Signal Corps maintains a total of 11 telephone channels connecting the United States with Alaska.

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SALINAS—Home of California Rodeo



Local 890

General Teamsters, Warehousemen and Helpers' Union

274 E. Alisal Street, Salinas

We are happy to report the strike at Plaza Fuel and M. J. Murphy Company, located in Carmel, has been settled to the mutual satisfaction of the companies and the union, with a wage increase and a welfare plan.

MISSION LINEN—We have received an offer from the Mission Linen Supply Company and a meeting will be called for those drivers shortly.

Meetings have been set up with the following companies: Regal Petroleum, tire shops, seed warehouses, manufactured milk and D'Arrigo Brothers, Associated Produce and Monterey Bay Packing in Castroville. **WE URGE ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND SPECIAL MEETINGS** when called for your division, as the executive board has recommended that in the future a \$5 FINE be imposed on any member failing to attend a special meeting called regarding their contract. It puts your officers to a very bad disadvantage when the groups are not represented 100 per cent to present their demands or to ratify an offer when presented.

ATTENTION, ALL PRODUCE DRIVERS: In order to assist our produce drivers while they are in the southern area, we are going to have one of the business agents from this union down there from time to time to assist in organization. The practice of transferring men out of this local to Local 898 while they are in that area has been discontinued, and in order to carry on a better organization program in that area, the committee as set up between the various lo-

cals asks the produce drivers going to the valley to pay their dues in advance to this office before leaving. Please give your full cooperation in the organization of stitchers on stitcher trucks and the vacuum cool operations.

DON'T FORGET to attend the general membership meeting to be held **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 8 p.m. at MOOSE HALL** in Salinas. **MONTEREY MEMBERS** are urged to attend this meeting as no meeting will be held in Monterey for the month of December. Representatives from the international union will be present at this meeting.

The 50c dues increase has been by-passed for the time being until a ruling is made at our next general membership meeting.

Will 'Teach' Chrysler On Guaranteed Wage, Auto Wkrs. Promise

Detroit (LPA)—The CIO United Auto Workers announced that "at the proper time . . . we will be prepared to teach Mr. Colbert more about the guaranteed wage than he has been able to learn up to this time." Colbert, head of Chrysler, had called the proposal "impractical." The union said Colbert evidently got his data "from people who know as little about the UAW plan as he does."

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DAN MacDONALD NAMED TO U.S. WELFARE GROUP

Appointment of Dan MacDonald, business manager of San Jose Plumbers and Steamfitters Union 393 and secretary of the California Pipe Trades Council, to the National Health and Welfare Committee of the United Association of Plumbers and Steamfitters was announced late last week.

MacDonald will attend the first meeting of the committee in Washington, D. C., next Monday. His appointment was announced by Martin P. Durkin, president of the U. A. and former Secretary of Labor.

Local 393 has one of the few financially successful health plans in the nation, the plan this year receiving insurance dividends.

Purpose of the national committee is to try to develop a health and welfare plan which can be effective on a nationwide basis.

Cleveland Labor Optimistic on '54

Cleveland—The Cleveland Federation of Labor rang up the best record in its political history in last week's municipal election.

Anthony Celebrezze, backed by the CFL for mayor, smothered a second attempt to gain the mayor's chair by William McDermott. Celebrezze wound up with a comfortable 46,000-vote margin when the official tabulation was announced.

In the 33 council races, only one CFL-endorsed candidate failed of election. He was William Hart of Ward 4, who bowed to James Livingston. And this, labor observers pointed out, was not a total loss, for Livingston has a record of being very sympathetic to labor.

In the municipal judgeship races, the CFL was wrong on only one out of four endorsements. Of 14 various issues endorsed by the local central body, 12 were approved by the voters. Altogether, there were 54 candidates and issues endorsed by the CFL. Of these, 48 were winners.

Commenting on the outcome, William Finegan, CFL executive secretary, said, "I am more than pleased with the way the elections turned out, and I want to thank all the individuals and unions that helped to make this victory possible. On the basis of what happened, it now seems entirely possible that we may be able to elect a labor-minded Congress in 1954."

15,000 Tons o' Tuna

TERMANAL ISLAND — California's tuna fishermen delivered just under 15,000 tons of tuna to the State's canneries during September, according to preliminary figures compiled by marine fisheries branch of the California Department of Fish and Game.

About 30,000 tons were delivered in August.

Included in the September total were 5,000 tons of albacore, 900 tons of bluefin, 5,500 tons of skipjack, and 3,500 tons of yellowfin. The fishermen also brought in 250 tons of yellowtail and 42 tons of bonito.

Mackerel tonnages amounted to 151 for pacific mackerel and 1,600 for jack mackerel. About 3,200 tons of anchovies went to the canneries.

Freeway Contract

Largest single highway contract in California history, \$4,387,474 for widening of the Eastshore Freeway, between Ashby Avenue in Berkeley, and the El Cerrito overpass, was awarded on November 9 to Peter Kiewit Sons company.

Previous record was held by the recent award of \$4,122,380 for the new northern approach to Golden Gate bridge, now underway.

Listen to Frank Edwards.

TEACHER'S NOTEBOOK

AMERICAN FEDERATION OF TEACHERS
LOCAL 1020 MONTEREY COUNTY

In memory of AFL Teachers Union 10,300, San Antonio:

In San Antonio, Texas, stand the remains of the Alamo, one of the most inspiring symbols of what the best in America has always stood for: courage, willingness to fight against tyranny of any sort, willingness to accept any odds in a struggle for a better future world.

These are ideals which must be kept alive in our modern America with its complicated, super-civilized organization if our nation is to maintain its place in an always troubled and dangerous world.

Davy Crockett, James Bowie, William Travis and the other heroes did not have to die in the Alamo; they were offered easy terms of surrender by the Mexican dictator Santa Ana. They preferred to die to the last man, and their memory has been revered by all good Texans and all good Americans for over a century.

San Antonio—a fitting birthplace for the first teacher union to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, on Sept. 20, 1902.

Nine members signed the charter in this heart of the deep south which labor has found the hardest part of the country to organize.

"The Board of Education looked with disfavor upon the newly organized group and treated it with considerable disfavor," says the chronicle. "A 'Citizens Alliance,' an anti-union organization, opposed the teachers joining the A. F. of L."

But, working with organized labor, the teacher union succeeded in getting their starvation pay raised and managed to organize about half the teachers in San Antonio. The teacher union was a success. The charter members were not fired, as one might expect.

The local lasted for several years and then, for one reason or another, died. But it showed teachers what could be done with the help of organized labor. It was the first teacher union to come into the A. F. of L., and happily its efforts were rewarded with success. —Fred Clayson.

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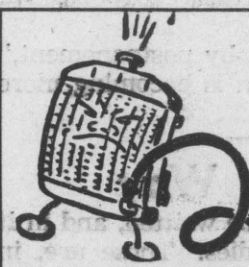
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Example of Postponement

The Senate Agriculture Committee is trying to find out why the farmer gets only 45 cents of the dollar which the housewife pays her grocer. And the Department of Agriculture is engaged in a survey of meat prices to determine why the price of beef at the butcher shop remains high while the price the producer receives has been falling steadily since February.

Last May, both the Senate and House killed a proposed study by the Federal Trade Commission of where the "consumer dollar" goes.

Among those voting against the inquiry were the following members of the Senate Agriculture Committee: Republicans Thyne (Minn.), Hickenlooper (Iowa), Mundt (S.D.) and Williams (Del.); and Democrats Ellender (La.), Hoey (N.C.) and Holland (Fla.).

Since then, farm prices have continued to fall. So has the farmer's share of the consumer's dollar.

The cost of living has risen steadily. So have the profits of the food processing industry.

The Agriculture Department investigation should be broadened to include all food and farm prices, not merely beef.

As AFL President George Meany told the 86th annual session of the National Grange:

"Retail prices have gone up on commodities, while farm prices have gone down. We feel that this condition requires thorough investigation by the government and we have so urged. We think the public is entitled to know whether price-rigging, speculation and profiteering are taking place at the expense of the farmer and city worker."

The new study, promised by the Agriculture Department, is a little late.

It's another example of "government by postponement," for which the Eisenhower Administration is becoming more famous day by day.

Billions, the Wrong Way

Someday the story of our times will be written, and in it will be two glaring, unbelievable tragedies. These are, in brief: the spending of untold billions in money and unlimited effort for every possible device to kill humanity, instead of spending it on the crying needs of bettering humanity's lot during our brief span of life. We don't know the answer, though we may suspect some dark motives. We simply ask: Why? Why? Why?

The other great, glaring freak of our times is this: the spending of billions in money and effort for utterly worthless trash in Television, Movie, and Radio, instead of spending it on vigorously interesting features that will educate, inspire, and raise the physical, moral, and spiritual level of the populace.

We are, it seems, rushing headlong for self-destruction. Can anything stop us?

McCarthyism: A thersitical condition affecting a political lusus naturae creating a peculiar form of ideophrenia, the diacrisis indicating a deadening of the nerves; a loosening of the tongue; an inflation of the ego; a toughening of the skin, and a hardening of the heart.

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Your Social Security representatives invite you to visit or call the Social Security office at the address below and get post card form 7004. By mailing it to the central records division of Social Security, you can obtain a statement of the wages or self-employment income credited to your account. This is particularly important to people who came under Social Security for the first time on Jan. 1, 1951—such as employees of state and local governments, household and farm workers, and employees of non-profit organizations. This is the first opportunity they have had to see if their Social Security account during the first six calendar quarters is correct.

Your Security Office is at 196 San Augustine St., San Jose 10. Phone CYpress 2-2450.

Portland People Against Hells Canyon Giveaway

Portland, Ore. (LPA)—Citizens are 2 to 1 against Interior Secretary McKay's proposal to give away Hells Canyon to the Idaho Power Co. Of those polled 33 percent want the government to develop the canyon, 18 per cent favor private enterprise, the rest don't know or don't care.

The survey, made by Pacific Analysts, shows public sentiment strong for a high dam, government built; union members and college graduates show strongest interest in the issue, with union members 2½ to 1 for government development; Republicans are evenly divided, despite the Eisenhower Administration's official position favoring the Idaho Power Co.; Democrats are for a government dam, 3½ to 1.

BY HIS PALS
YOU CAN SEE
HOW JOE FLIES

The pals of Sen. Joe McCarthy form "one of the most interesting and powerful political and social circles in Washington," Look magazine said in an article naming names.

Written by Richard Wilson of the Washington bureau of the Cowles publications, Look's article charged that some of the group want to make McCarthy President of the United States.

"Others," Wilson said, "think association with him will be a springboard to a bigger future. Many passionately believe he will be the savior of America . . ."

The article does not allege members of the circle have been guilty of anything through their association with the Wisconsin Senator.

The McCarthy circle, Wilson wrote, "finds its highest social level at the Al Marah Arabian horse farm of Mrs. Garvin Tankersley in Maryland on the outskirts of Washington . . ."

"Mrs. Tankersley is the former Ruth (Bazy) McCormick, niece of Publisher Robert R. McCormick of Chicago and once vice-president of the Washington Times-Herald. Bazy periodically gathers the McCarthy clan, with trimmings.

"Here, McCarthy rubs shoulders with Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth; Gwen Cafritz, party-giving competitor of Perle Mesta; Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer; Vice-President Richard Nixon; an assortment of Nationalist Chinese, Central American and Spanish diplomats; Mrs. Marcella duPont; Gen. Lemuel C. Shepherd, Jr., commandant of the Marine Corps; Mrs. Preston Davies; actress Constance Bennett, accompanied by poodle; Mrs. Ivy Baker Priest, the personable Treasurer of the United States; the classically beautiful Mrs. William Randolph Hearst, Jr."

In the background of this group, the article continues, is "a more significant, if somewhat duller group who are near to, but not quite of, the McCarthy inner circle. Sens. William E. Jenner of Indiana, George W. Malone of Nevada, Homer E. Capehart of Indiana, Spessard Holland of Florida, Herman Welker of Idaho; Reps. Charles A. Halleck of Indiana, Clarence J. Brown of Ohio.

"These are sometimes supplemented by a journalistic contingent: Fulton Lewis, Jr., columnist and broadcaster; George Sokolsky, farthest right of the political columnists; Constantine Brown, Washington Star columnist; Danton Walker, an imaginative Broadway columnist; Walter Trohan, chief of the Washington bureau of the Chicago Tribune. Westbrook Pegler, though no party-goer, confers frequently with McCarthy."

Wilson also named a number of extremely wealthy Texas oil men as associating closely with the Republican Senator. They included H. L. Hunt, sometimes called the richest man in America; H. R. Cullen, who contributed \$53,000 last year to helping McCarthy and other Congressional candidates; Douglas Marshall, son-in-law of Cullen; Clint Murchison and Austin Hancock, who "hopes to help get the Republican Presidential nomination for McCarthy."

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Big Business
Dominates Another
'Task Force'

Washington (LPA)—Chairman Herbert Hoover of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, has named a "task force" on use and disposal of federal surplus property.

Robert E. Wood, chairman of the Board, Sears Roebuck, heads the task force. Others are Harry Erlicher, a former General Electric vice-president, now president, Loughborough Mining Co.; Leroy D. Green, expert on scrap problems, long with Bethlehem Steel; Carl A. Hagenfritz, a vice-president of U.S. Steel; Thomas D. Jolly, a vice-president of Aluminum Co. of America; James D. Mooney, a former General Motors vice-president, now head of Willys Overland Motors; Walter W. Tangeman, vice-president, Cincinnati Milling Machine Co.; George A. Renard, purchasing specialist; Russell Forbes, deputy administrator, General Services Administration.

The Army National Guard in Alaska now is composed of two infantry battalions and two Alaskan Scout battalions. The Alaskan Scout battalions are made up primarily of Eskimos.

"UNION MAID"—A Serial Story



by Stan Jennings

AFL is Wholly Ignored!

Stage is Set to Dump Security

"The people should brace themselves for a flood of propaganda aimed at building up public suspicion against the Social Security system." That warning was issued last week by the AFL's director of social insurance activities, Nelson Cruikshank, as long delayed public hearings were launched by a House Ways and Means subcommittee.

Cruikshank charged that the aim of the committee, headed by Congressman Karl T. Curtis (R., Neb.), is to search for minor flaws in the system while ignoring the present and future benefits it provides for American workers.

"By piling up a lot of little things," he said, "Curtis hopes to create the impression that the whole system is cockeyed."

CHAMBER ISSUES BOOKLET

Opening of the hearings also was marked by distribution of a new propaganda booklet by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce pushing its scheme for weakening Social Security and saving taxes for the wealthy.

In a nationwide radio broadcast, Cruikshank and Andrew J. Bie-

shopworn pretext of 'study,' the committee declared.

The statement also voiced opposition to the proposal to "freeze" Social Security payroll taxes at their present level. "If the Government is to live up to its role as trustee of the system and to protect the integrity of the fund, the scheduled increase must be permitted to stand," it said.

If You Give Any, Give Here, Bud

The familiar red kettles manned by the Salvation Army heralded the approach of the Christmas season when they appeared on street corners beginning Nov. 28, which was also the opening of National Salvation Army Week, Nov. 29 to Dec. 6.

The uses to which money collected during the annual Christmas appeal is put are almost endless, but all of it goes to help someone who is unfortunate and who might not be able to enjoy Christmas if it were not for the aid given by the public through contributions to the Salvation Army kettles.

Underprivileged children, patients in Veterans Hospitals, inmates of jails and prisons, the aged and friendless, and many more are benefited by the Christmas appeal.

The Salvation Army's activities are not limited to the holiday season. The Men's Social Service organization has quarters in many of the cities of the United States. Through the work of this organization, many men as well as articles of furniture and clothing are salvaged. The goods are either given to needy families or sold for small amounts in the Salvation Army shops.

The Evangeline residence clubs, in San Francisco and 11 other cities throughout the U.S., offer young working women a pleasant home away from home. The clubs fulfill their objective of providing living conditions as much as possible like those in an average home for young women, many of whom are living away from home for the first time.

The women of the Salvation Army are banded together in two groups known as Home Leagues and Leagues of Mercy. These groups play a large part in providing aid to victims of floods, fires and other emergencies. They collect clothing for needy families, toys and clothing for unfortunate children, and conduct bazaars to raise funds for equipment in Salvation Army institutions.

The activities mentioned are but a few of the many conducted by the Salvation Army. Others, no less important, include the hospitals where help is given to unwed mothers and to their children, and the activities for the servicemen so well remembered by millions of servicemen returning from recent wars. Boys' clubs are also operated in San Francisco as well as in many other cities throughout the nation, for the use of boys of any race, color or creed.

The job you save may be your own—buy union!



Democrats Honor Hotel Picket Line; C. of C. Can't Eat

Worcester, Mass. (LPA)—When 200 employees of the Sheraton Hotel walked out, 128 Democratic legislators honored their picket line and moved their legislative caucus to Memorial Auditorium.

Even the Chamber of Commerce had to move. It had scheduled a luncheon for 750, and there was nothing to eat.

Actually on strike were 30 office and auditing workers for whom Local 95, AFL Hotel and Restaurant Employees, became bargaining agent Oct. 1. Supporting them were 180 fellow members from other departments already under contract.

Business Agent James P. Loughlin said the office workers were getting a take-home pay of \$23 to \$35 a week. Hotel Manager Maurice T. Lawler said those wages "compare favorably with the wages being paid for similar jobs in other hotels throughout the state."

Approximately 70 per cent of the men and women who enlisted in the Army during the past year signed up for a three-year tour. Of the remainder, more than 20 per cent signed up for a six-year stay in the service.

Making Ends Meet

Lesser Known Meats Still Selling at Bargain Prices

By NANCY PRATT

After the Thanksgiving turkey and cranberry sauce it takes imagination to return to normal budget menus and still keep up family interest at the dinner table. Add variety to everyday meals by choosing lesser known meats still at bargain prices in the markets.

For a particularly good variation, try brisket of beef with horseradish sauce, an inexpensive dish that is ranked as a delicacy in fancy restaurants. To prepare brisket, simply sear it in cooking fat and then add salted water to cover. Simmer in a closed pan, adding onions, potatoes, celery, or any other favorite vegetable you desire. (Allow about a half pound of brisket per person, and for a four to five-pound piece, cook about 45 minutes to the pound or until tender.)

Horseradish sauce can be made in a few minutes. For four servings take a half cup of thick sweet or sour cream, a half teaspoon of salt, one teaspoon of sugar, and three or four tablespoons of horseradish. Whip the cream, salt, and sugar together and gradually add the horseradish.

HOUSEHOLD HINT

A sheet of yesterday's newspaper will give you better results in picking up floor sweepings than a dustpan. If you wet an edge of the paper, smooth it to the floor with your broom, and sweep the dirt onto the paper, you will be able to pick up all the floor sweepings and eliminate the annoying trail of dust usually left by the dustpan. After collecting the sweepings, simply fold the paper over them and toss the bundle into the trash.

STORING POTATOES

Keeping winter vegetables fresh without a cold cellar is a problem, particularly for the city-dwellers in small apartments. Late crop potatoes, known as Maine potatoes, so plentiful and cheap in the markets now, are good keepers and can be stored from four to six weeks even in warm kitchens. Potatoes should be stored in a dark place because they will begin to sprout if exposed to sunlight. Incidentally, you can use sprouted potatoes but remember to cut out the overgrown eyes or sprouts as they are not good to eat. If stored in the refrigerator, the starch in potatoes will turn to sugar, giving them a sweetish taste, so keep them at above 40 degree temperatures. And remember, don't place potatoes near onions unless you like an onion flavor in your french fries.

Potatoes and onions can be stored in either open or covered containers. It is different in the case of fruits, incidentally, because the gas fruits give off hastens rotting, so if you have slightly green fruit that you want to ripen, cover them to hasten the process.

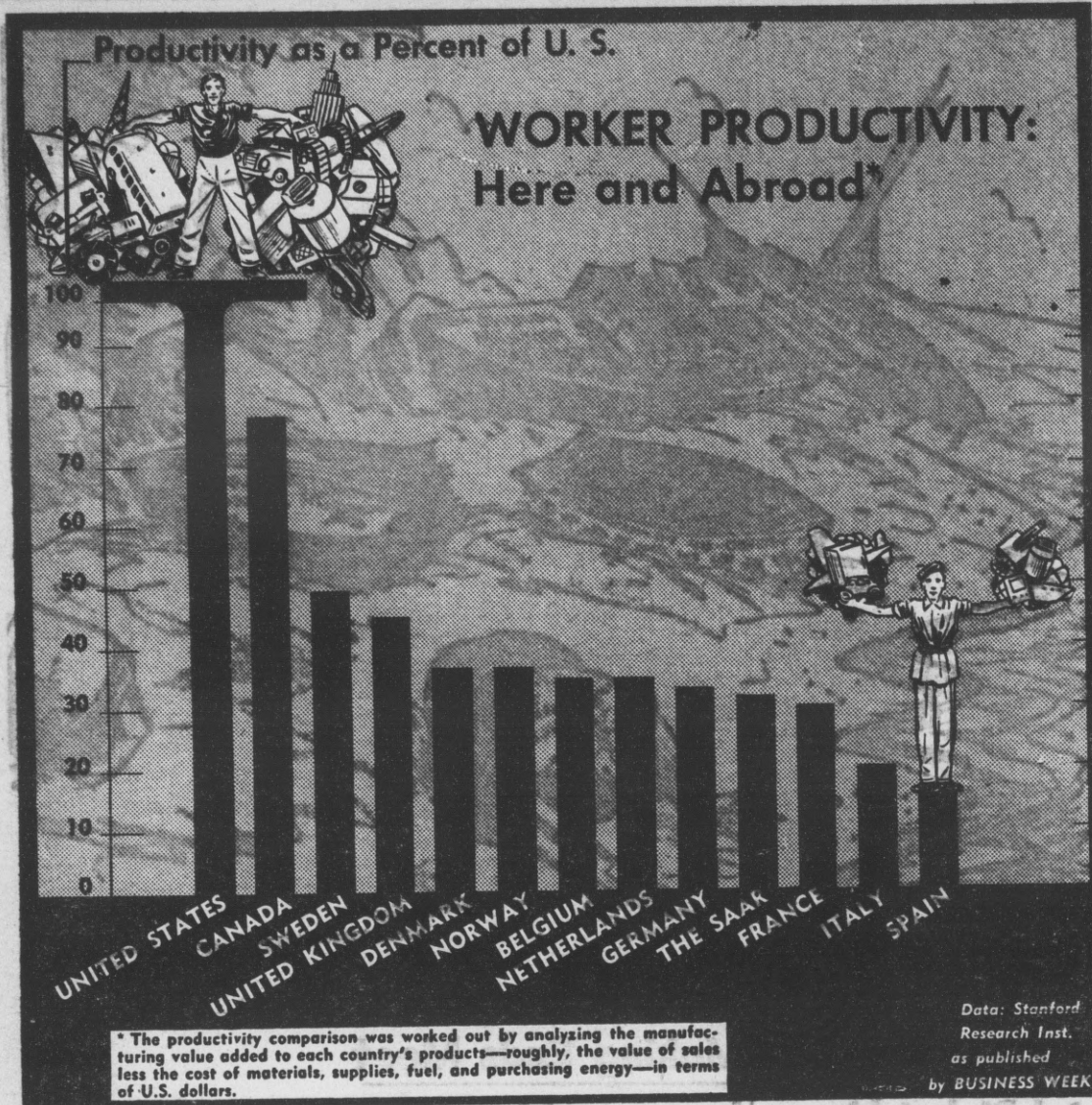
Another Hero Award

El Dorado, Kan. (LPA)—Ernest L. Wall, a Santa Fe switchman here, is one of 37 persons named for awards by the Carnegie Hero Fund Commission. In November 1952 little Kathleen Sue Ross fell on the track. The switch engine was too close to stop. Wall leaped off, raced ahead, picked up the child and leaped aside just in time. He already has been awarded the Presidential Medal of Honor for his deed.

ASK YOURSELF, BOSS

1. Have I truly accepted the presence of union organization among my employees?
2. Have I truly accepted the principle and practice of collective bargaining?
3. Have I always attempted to meet the union half way and worked out acceptable and fair compromises?
4. Have I paid enough attention to labor relations, and have I, within my own organization, picked the right men and set up the right organization for handling labor relations?
5. Have I educated my foremen in labor relations, have I kept them informed, and have I given them sufficient responsibility and authority?
6. Do I have the right kind of grievance procedures to provide for orderly and speedy disposition of grievances and complaints?
7. Have I worked out and clarified with the union our respective areas of responsibility?
8. Have I kept pace, within sound economic limits, with my industry and locality in wages and employee benefits?
9. Do I provide a safe, clean, healthy place for my employees to work?

—Guy Farmer, Chairman, NLRB



U. S. WORKER OUTPUT IS HIGH!—The long-standing certainty that the American worker far out-produces the worker in Western Europe is confirmed by the results of a four-year survey just published by the Stanford Research Institute. Average productivity of European workers was found to be only 35 per cent that of U. S. workers.—(LPA.)

INDUSTRIAL INJURY RATES ARE AT A 27-YEAR LOW MARK

Washington, D. C.—Injury rates in manufacturing and in most non-manufacturing industries were 8 per cent lower in 1952 than in the previous year and the lowest in the 27 years the U. S. Labor Department has been recording them.

The manufacturing rate was 14.3 injuries for each million man-hours worked as compared with 15.5 in 1951, according to final summaries prepared by the Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Over half of the non-manufacturing groups studied showed injury-rate decreases of 5 per cent or more.

Lumber and wood products recorded the highest average rate among the manufacturing groups—49.6. Within this group, the logging industry had a rate of 92.1; sawmills, 55.3; integrated saw and planing mills, 47.2; veneer mills, 46.9. The lowest rate in this group was 25.8 for plants manufacturing millwork and structural wood products.

Furniture and fixtures industries averaged 21.2 injuries per million man-hours; food and kindred products, 20.2; stone, clay and glass products, 19.3; fabricated metal products, 18.1; primary metal products, 18.1; primary metal industries, 15.5; paper and allied products, 15.3. The averages for other industry groups were below the 14.3 rate for all manufacturing combined.

High rates were reported by the beet sugar industry, 40.7; boat-building and repairing, 33.0; non-ferrous secondary smelting and refining, 32.9; cut stone and stone products, 32.8.

Outstandingly low rates were found in the synthetic fibers industry, 1.6; miscellaneous communication equipment, 3.2; synthetic rubber, 3.3; explosives, 3.4; aircraft manufacturing, 3.7; rubber footwear, 3.8; electric lamps (bulbs), 3.9; radio tubes, 4.5; electrical equipment for vehicles, 4.7.

Among non-manufacturing industries studied—this does not include agriculture, mining, and interstate transportation—the highest rate was reported for stevedoring, 87.9. The construction group showed a relatively high average of 34.6, but the rate was 12 per cent below the 1951 rate of 39.3. In construction, the rate for structural steel erection and ornamental iron work was 46.9; highway and

street construction, 46.0; general building contractors, 38.1; roofing and sheetmetal work, 38.0; plastering and lathing, 36.8. In the transportation group, warehousing and storage showed a rate of 36.4, and trucking and hauling, 36.0.

Outstandingly low rates in non-manufacturing were in the telephone communication industry, 1.6; insurance, 1.9; banks and other financial agencies, 2.0; retail apparel and accessories, 3.8; radio broadcasting and television, 4.0.

In manufacturing an average of 85 days was lost per case. The injury severity rate was 1.3 days lost or charged because of work injuries for each thousand man-hours worked. In construction an average of 105 days was lost per case and the severity rate was 3.7. The severity rate for utilities and sanitary services was 1.7; for personal services, 0.6; for business services, 0.3, and for trade, 0.5.

AFL Again Urges 2-Year Warranty For Home Buyers

Washington (LPA)—Reiterating action at the last AFL convention, Boris Shishkin has told a government advisory committee on housing that buyers of homes built under the FHA or VA programs should be protected by a builder's two-year warranty against structural defects.

Shishkin, secretary of the AFL housing committee, told a subcommittee of the President's Advisory Committee on Housing that such a warranty should be required before any FHA or VA commitment to insure or guarantee a loan for purchase of a house.

Firm Fined \$200

New York (LPA)—Wm. Block, owner of the William Block Hardware Co., was fined \$200 in federal court here for failing to pay overtime under the Wage and Hour Law. He had pleaded guilty. The Government said most of his employees were Puerto Ricans unaware of their rights, and had worked more than 50 hours a week at straight time. The Government found back wages of \$1,185.39 were due 11 employees.

Primary Is June 8; List of Offices Open Is Announced

Sacramento—Secretary of State Frank M. Jordan has announced the list of offices for which candidates are to be nominated at the direct primary election, Tuesday, June 8, 1954.

First date for candidates to circulate nomination papers and file with the county clerks or registrars of voters is March 10 and the final date is April 2.

Jordan said 142 offices are at stake (in addition to superior court vacancies in numerous counties) and with filing fees running on a percentage of the annual salary of the particular office with the exception of state legislative offices which are on a flat basis. In the case of cross filing the candidate pays the fee for each ticket.

The minimum number of signatures for nomination papers is 65 and the maximum 100 for the offices of Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State, Controller, Treasurer, Attorney General, Superintendent of Public Instruction and United States Senator.

Filing fees for these offices are: Governor, \$600; Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of State and State Treasurer, \$280; Controller, \$320; Attorney General, \$420; United States Senator, \$250, and Superintendent of Public Instruction, \$300.

Required signatures and filing fees for other offices to be voted upon include: Member of State Board of Equalization, First to Fourth districts, inclusive, 40-60, \$140; Representative in Congress, First to Thirtieth districts, inclusive, 40-60, \$125; State Senator, Second to Fortieth districts, inclusive (even numbered districts), and member of the Assembly, First to Eightieth districts, inclusive, 20-30, \$20.

Dates for filing declarations of intention to become a candidate for judicial offices are from March 1 to 5 with not less than 20 or more than 30 signatures required and a filing fee 1 per cent of the annual salary, Jordan said.

The U. S. Army built the only paved highway in Korea. It is a 20-mile stretch between Seoul and Incheon.

Attend Meetings!

Are You Using Carbon-Tet? Be Careful! It May Kill You!

(A Safety Series Prepared from Bulletins of the Division of Industrial Safety, State of California)

BULLETIN No. 1

THE FACTS

More and more California workers are being killed or injured by Carbon Tetrachloride (also known as tetrachloromethane and perchloromethane. Carbon Tet is known chemically as CCl₄) commonly called Carbon Tet.

	Deaths	Injuries
Full year 1949	3	37
Full year 1950	4	28
Full year 1951	4	32
Jan.-Aug. 1952	5	34

More California workers were killed and disabled in the first eight months of 1952 than in all 1950 or all 1951.

In addition, there were many injuries that were not lost-time or disabling—in other words, those injured were able to return to work either on the same or the following day.

SOME ACTUAL CALIF. CASES
After 1½ hours' work cleaning the filter of a Carbon Tet cleaning unit, a cleaning plant employee became nauseated, stopped work, and went home. Two days later he went to a doctor, who diagnosed and treated him for liver and kidney trouble. He was in and out of the hospital several times for treatment, but died four months later. The autopsy report showed liver and kidney damage and the history of Carbon Tet poisoning.

An electrician took a drink out of a whiskey bottle which still possessed its whiskey label although it had been filled with Carbon Tet. He died five days later.

A store manager and two helpers cleaned the store floor with Carbon Tet for three hours, with no ventilation, two men swabbing the floor on their knees, and the third using a long-handled brush. The two men who swabbed (and were closer to the Carbon Tet) died within seven days; the third became acutely ill but recovered.

A molder's helper used a Carbon Tet fire extinguisher to put out a fire in the front seat of his car, thus, of course, saturating the seat with Carbon Tet. He then got into his car and drove away. Shortly after, he became so ill that he was taken to the hospital, where he died 12 days later. The autopsy report stated that death was due to "acute Carbon Tetrachloride poisoning due to inhaling fumes (vapors) from fire extinguisher."

THE WHAT AND WHY

Carbon Tet is widely used in industry, because it is an excellent, quick-drying and low-cost solvent. It is used in many trade-named products. It is used, among other things, as a dry cleaner, a fire extinguishing fluid, a grease remover, and as a solvent for rubber cement and quick-drying lacquers.

PROPERTIES OF CARBON TET

Carbon Tet is a pleasant sweet-smelling liquid that is clear and colorless at normal temperatures. It is non-flammable—that is, it will not burn.

But it turns to vapor easily at room temperatures. And as THIS VAPOR IS MORE THAN FIVE TIMES AS HEAVY AS AIR, it settles quickly to floor levels or lower.

At high temperatures it decomposes and forms very strong poisons, one of which is phosgene. Breathing even a little phosgene may kill you.

HOW CARBON TET MAY INJURE YOU

You can be injured by Carbon Tet in several ways: by breathing the vapor; by swallowing the liquid; by letting it come into contact with your skin or eyes.

Carbon Tet is easily absorbed by the lungs and mucous membrane, and to some extent by the skin.

One exposure to Carbon Tet may harm you and even kill you, if the concentration (or strength) is high. Lower concentrations may also harm you if you are exposed to them repeatedly.

Most injuries from Carbon Tet are caused by breathing the vapors. It can cause severe and even fatal cases of liver or kidney damage.

It can cause inflammation of the skin (or dermatitis)—because it is such an excellent solvent for oils

Lost-time that it can remove the oil from your skin.

It can cause eye irritation. Make no mistake about it—Carbon Tet is one of the most harmful of the common solvents.

Those who have especially high blood pressure, or nervous disorders, or diseases of the vital organs, are more quickly affected by Carbon Tet than normally healthy persons.

Those who are overweight or undernourished, or who drink alcoholic liquors to excess, are also more susceptible to Carbon Tet than others.

SYMPTOMS OF CARBON TET POISONING

Some symptoms of Carbon Tet poisoning are: headache; nausea—sickness of the stomach; irritation of the eyes, nose, throat or lungs; inflammation of the skin; loss of appetite; mental confusion and excitement; stupor—suppression or loss of sense or feeling; unconsciousness.

The more serious of these symptoms may be delayed for as much as several days.

Further bulletins on Carbon Tet will be published in subsequent issues of Organized Labor.

ADLAI PREDICTS DEMOCRATIC VICTORY IN '54

St. Paul, Minn.—Adlai E. Stevenson predicted the Democrats would win next fall's Congressional election. The people are getting their fill of the Republicans' "slick talk and foolish promises," he said.

The 1952 Presidential candidate said the Republicans rode to office on a campaign based "in large part on denunciation and too many promises—and, of course, they have not been able to deliver the goods."

"If the Republican candidates had not spoken so glibly and so often we would have a great deal more sympathy for them now as they struggle with the heavy cost of defense—costs which were obvious last fall but conveniently overlooked," Stevenson said.

The former Illinois governor, who was unable to appear in person, made his remarks in a tape-recorded speech which opened the National Young Democrats' convention.

He singled out for attack Republican campaign promises to balance the budget.

Stevenson said the GOP promised the farmer "all good things and 100 per cent of parity, too." Now, he said, "they are having difficulty working out a sensible farm program in the face of surpluses, falling export markets, rapid technical change and other conditions that were clearly evident a year ago."

Another broken GOP promise, he said, was the "pledge to support TVA and the public power programs."

Moody Publishing 2 Detroit Weeklies

Detroit (LPA)—The progressive Blair Moody, former Democrat from Michigan, is publishing weekly newspapers in the industrial suburbs of Plymouth and Livonia. Both papers, he announced, are to be printed in a large plant here which he and a group of associates recently purchased.

The move by Moody, a former newspaperman, was looked upon in labor circles as a step toward launching a liberal daily newspaper to fulfill a need not supplied by the city's present conservative dailies.

State Board Finally Takes Action on Sardine Slaughter

Los Angeles—Timed with a report that the current sardine fishing season is the worst on record, the California Fish and Game Commission has asked that the 1954 special session of the Legislature "consider a statute conferring upon the Commission the authority to regulate the taking of sardines for all purposes."

In a resolution directed to the governor and legislators, the five-man board stated at its November meeting that the sardine fishery was once the most valuable in the state and is now in "a state of collapse because of a continuing scarcity of fish."

The resolution charged that "present statutory controls are inadequate to insure a recovery of the fishery, and only strict regulation of catches adjusted to meet changes in the amount of the supply offers any hope for the future of this important industry."

Commissioners pointed out that "the industry once contributed millions of dollars to the economy of the state. It was not only important to the persons engaged in the processing and commercial fishing industry but provided great quantities of bait for our recreational fisheries and food for game fishes."

Under present laws, the Fish and Game Commission has a say only on the total annual amount of whole sardines that are reduced into commercial oils and meals by reduction plants. In the last decade, this has amounted to about 25 per cent of the entire sardine catch. Reduction by canning plants and all other sardine fishing and processing laws are legislative matters.

For the 1953-54 fishing season, the Commission has banned the reduction of whole sardines.

Crab Season Open

SACRAMENTO—California's commercial and sports crab fishing season opens November 15 for an 8½-month run under Legislative laws. In bays and ocean coast of Del Norte, Humboldt and Mendocino counties, the season begins December 15.

The Department of Fish and Game advises that only male crabs may be taken, and these must measure a minimum of seven inches across the back.

Crab fishing is prohibited each year from August 1 until late fall, to protect the crabs while they are molting. During this period, both shells and meat are soft.



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Doubletalk on the Potomac:

On September 21st of this year the Joint Congressional Atomic Energy Committee assured the American people that we are well ahead of Russia on the H-bomb.

Exactly nine days later the chairman of the Atomic Energy Committee said that Russia started development of the H-bomb before we did. On October 4th Mobilization Director Flemming said that Russia is capable of delivering the H-bomb in an attack on the United States. Two days later Defense Secretary Wilson said the Reds are three years behind us and do not have the H-bomb in usable form.

On that same day, October 6th, Civil Defense Chief Peterson said he felt that atomic war was inevitable. Two days later the President said that Russia can attack us with the H-bomb, but he didn't think the threat was immediate. On November 2nd Air Force Secretary Talbott told newsmen we would store A-bombs in Spain. The following day Secretary of State Dulles and Defense Chief Wilson told newsmen we would NOT store A-bombs in Spain.

On August 1st Secretary Dulles said that American troops would be used in labor battalions to rebuild South Korea. Two days later the White House officially stated that American troops would NOT be used to rebuild South Korea.

Economy boys at work... (it says here). For example... On June 8th Defense Secretary Wilson told a Senate Appropriations subcommittee that he planned to reduce spending for research. October 7th the Pentagon announced that there had been no such reductions after all. Research would still spend more than a billion a year, as formerly. And quite in keeping with this confusion and contradiction are these official statements from the Defense Department on keeping American troops in Europe. On October 20th the Defense Department announced that it might pull one U. S. division out of Europe. Seven days later Defense Secretary Wilson denied it and said that American troops would stay in Europe. Subsequently the Defense Department announced that it had withdrawn 20,000 American troops from Europe.

And so it goes. If you get a bit groggy trying to make sense out of the doubletalk from the Administration, please remember that you are not alone in your plight. Washington is full of newsmen who are having the same trouble you have.

ROLE OF WOMEN WORKERS IN U.S. IS DESCRIBED IN NEW REPORT

Washington, D.C.—Women's contribution to family upkeep plays an important part in maintaining the high living standards in the United States, the U.S. Labor Department points out in a new publication.

Wives who work do so largely to help out with day-to-day living expenses, but their earnings also often enable the family to buy or build a home or send sons and daughters to college, according to the Women's Bureau report on the status of women.

A higher proportion of women who are married are working outside the home today than in 1940, the report states. Of all married women, 27 per cent are now in the labor force, a proportion as high as that reached at the peak of World War II.

More than half of the 19 million women workers in the country are married. Back in 1940, married women accounted for only about one-third of the feminine work force.

Women's wages still lag behind those paid to men, the Bureau notes. The last census report showed that women's average income from wages and salaries was less than half, or 44 per cent, of that received by men. Less than 1 per cent of women workers earned \$5000 or more a year, as compared with 12 per cent of the men. Over 80 per cent of the women and 37 per cent of the men received less than \$2500 from wages and salaries.

Partial explanation for this wide discrepancy in earned income is that women still tend to concentrate in occupations traditionally employing women, and these occupations have a relatively low wage scale, the Bureau explained. However, women are still paid less than men in many cases for doing the same or comparable work—and equal pay, "while generally accepted in theory, is by no means universal in practice," according to the Bureau.

Though women's chances for advancement are not as good as those of men, a constantly increasing number of women are to be found in "really important posts" in the business and industrial world, the bulletin states.

About 3 million women workers belong to unions and they make up about a sixth of the total union membership of the country. Unions are not organized to any extent in some of the occupations where

large numbers of women workers are employed, the Women's Bureau says.

Some women hold influential union posts, but women are much more active in local unions than at state, regional, or national levels, the report continues.

The Women's Bureau points out that some of the unions making special efforts to enlist women members to participate actively in the work of organizing and conducting union affairs. Both the AFL and CIO have taken action aimed at integrating women workers into the labor movement and improving their status as union members.

Intensify Drive to Organize Millions Lacking Unions

Cleveland (LPA)—An intensified drive to organize the many millions of workers now lacking union representation and benefits—particularly in the South—was pledged by the CIO convention. "We are not going to rest until every unorganized worker has had a chance to join a union, without fear of intimidation," said the resolution, which called on all affiliated unions to continue to expand their organizing programs.

Pointing to the peril of non-union plants in the South, the CIO said: "Concentrated pockets of unorganized workers will always be a threat to unionized workers of our economy. We could not in good conscience fail to respond to the just claims of unorganized workers to a decent level of living and dignity."

The delegates also went on record against any form of sales or manufacturers' excise taxes and endorsed a nine-point economic program designed to meet the "needs and obligations of our times." It called for a minimum wage of \$1.25 an hour, tax relief for lower income families, a well-planned system of public works as a "counter-depression instrument" and construction of 2,000,000 housing units.

More than 1400 chaplains are on duty in the Army. They represent the Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths.

Attend Meetings!

Mules, Planes Aid In Trout Plantings

Independence, Inyo County — Flooding pack mules and modern aircraft have teamed up, under California's new intensified golden trout management program to leave a 1953 record of 200,000 fingerlings planted in remote high Sierra lakes and a large brood stock of goldens in the Hot Creek hatchery for future plantings.

The small fingerlings were dropped from a Department of Fish and Game airplane in 46 lakes scattered along the backbone of the Sierra in Alpine, Mono, Inyo, Fresno, Madera and Tulare counties. The late summer flying assignment took three days and covered 1,600 miles of some of the nation's highest and most rugged terrain.

The operation marks the revival of the State's golden trout hatchery-planting program, and was the first major stocking of the official fish since 1942. It was the first time goldens were planted from an airplane.

In another aerial operation, pure wild goldens were flown down to Hot Creek Hatchery from Golden Trout Creek, in the shadow of Mt. Whitney, where the fish spawned late in June. The hatchery's new wild brood stock, living at a lower elevation, should produce eggs next year in March and April, hatchery men believe. The fingerlings reared from these eggs, with more time to grow, will be bigger and better able to take care of themselves when planting time comes.

The unique fish were planted in line with the Fish and Game Commission policy of perpetuating and expanding the golden trout population in all suitable waters. To get back into the remote lakes

with packstock, the traditional high Sierra method of planting fish, would have taken at least a month. It would also have taken nearly five times more of the angling license buyer's money, the Department reveals.

Both pack train and airplane were needed to secure the pure wild brood stock that will supply the eggs for next year's plantings. Waiting until the angling season was almost over in the remote high mountain country, Department personnel from Hot Creek Hatchery flew up to Tunnel Airstrip, the highest air field in the nation, and packed in from there to Golden Trout Creek—the original home of California's unique native trout.

Pack animals were loaned to the expedition by the U. S. Forest Service at the Tunnel ranger station.

Hatchery men, led by Assistant Hatcheries Supervisor Leon V. Talbott, took three days, using flyrods and dry gray hackle flies, to catch their quota of the colorful fish. They used barbless hooks to prevent injury, and carefully stored each day's catch in aluminum cans to make sure the fish stayed alive.

A total of 523 of the beautiful gold-streaked fish were captured during the operation, and despite a return trip that included transportation by pack animal, horse-and-wagon, plane, and tank truck, all but five reached the hatchery in excellent shape to take their place in the new production program.

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Open Up Sierra Bottleneck! Labor Asks U.S.

Adding to the ever-growing western clamor for the U. S. to do something—and quick!—in regard to the vicious hazard of a Trans-Sierra road bottleneck, Bay Cities Metal Trades Council in San Francisco last week unanimously approved a resolution to Congress demanding immediate action toward modernization of the Sierra highway by widening to four lanes.

This should be done by naming the route as a vital defense highway, and it must be done in order to provide the vital Bay Area with some degree of security, the council declared in its resolution, which follows, in full:

1. WHEREAS, the severe winter of 1952 revealed what many have long suspected, that the Sierra Nevada mountain passes of the main trunk highways of the central transcontinental routes across the nation are not adequate and may be blocked easily, and as definitely as if by military action or sabotage,

2. WHEREAS the military commitments of this nation in the past two decades have expanded greatly in the Pacific Ocean and the lands adjacent thereto, and the San Francisco Bay area and its principal Pacific Coast port for shipment of military personnel and material, much of which is transported over these routes,

3. WHEREAS this principal port would be a primary target for enemy attack or sabotage, and therefore would require emergency supply and reinforcement over the central trans-Sierra route,

4. WHEREAS these central route highways are still functioning with the same limited capacity of twenty years ago,

5. WHEREAS more than twenty major departments of defense supply depots, tactical establishments, and experimental installations are located in the inter-mountain area served by the trans-Sierra transcontinental route,

6. WHEREAS the above considerations are matters of great concern to our national defense, the Bay Cities Metal Trades Council at its regular meeting held on November 16, 1953, hereby resolves:

lanes to the San Francisco Bay area be declared essential to the national defense;

2. That upon declaration of the above cited route as essential to the national defense, the United States Department of Defense be called upon to bring about the immediate modernization of this route by widening to four lanes through utilization of defense funds in order that the security of the vital San Francisco Bay area can be assured through immediate availability of supply and reinforcement in the event of enemy action or sabotage.

BAY CITIES METAL TRADES COUNCIL

San Francisco, California

By E. RAINBOW, Pres.

A. T. WYNN, Secy.

Dated: November 19, 1953.

Vacations With Pay

Ninety-five per cent of the 1,064 labor-management agreements included in a recent Labor Department survey provided for paid vacations, and about half of the 5,266,000 workers covered by these agreements were eligible for three or more weeks if they met specified service requirements.

\$200 Million, 136 Wives

Death has come to a fantastic man, 73-year-old Ibn Saud, wily adventurer and absolute monarch of Saudi Arabia. After a boyhood exile, Ibn Saud gradually conquered oil-rich Arabia. He lived in Oriental luxury, acquiring 135 wives and 140 children, and made a deal with big American oil companies which brought him \$200 million last year alone. As an absolute ruler, he forbade strikes among oil industry employees.



NEW ORGANIZER — Miguel Garriga, former official of the Hotel and Restaurant Employees Union, has been appointed AFL Regional Director of Organization for Puerto Rico. Mike, as he is known, will leave immediately to take up his new duties.

NEW SECY. WILL "STUDY" JOBLESS PAY

(AFL Release)

Secretary of Labor Mitchell announced a study will be made to determine whether workers get enough from the present scale of unemployment compensation benefits to tide them over jobless periods.

Mitchell said his department's Bureau of Employment Security was launching a pilot study in several labor market areas and intended to broaden the investigation into a national survey.

STATISTICAL PROBE

Benefits range from a low of about \$3 a week to a high of \$33. Different states pay different amounts and for varying lengths of time. The program is financed by a 3 per cent tax on employer payrolls, but "experience rating" allowances permit reduction of this tax rate.

"Such a study will, of course, require the full cooperation of the state employment security agencies which administer the state employment security programs," Mitchell said. "The bureau is utilizing the help of state personnel in developing the plans and methods to be used in the survey."

Some of the facts the bureau wants to know include: How much workers spend while working and what they spend when unemployed; what claimants regard as their non-deferrable expenditures; whether benefits are sufficient for those expenses; what portion of family income these benefits represent, or whether secondary wage earners help out; what adjustments a worker must make when he becomes unemployed.

AVERAGE DROPS

The Labor Department pointed out that when the unemployment insurance program began paying benefits it was assumed that if weekly payments amounted to half the jobless worker's recent wages, the benefits would cover basic necessities without requiring the worker to draw upon other resources.

The department said that in 1939 benefits amounted to about 40.8 per cent of average weekly wages, but in 1952 they averaged 33 per cent.

CIO Re-elects Reuther, Drives for Annual Wage, Repeal of T-H Act

Cleveland (LPA) — The CIO closed its 15th constitutional convention Nov. 20 by reelecting President Reuther and all other top officers without opposition. Convention resolutions pledged the CIO to fight for the guaranteed annual wage and for repeal of the Taft-Hartley act, replacing it with a law modeled on the Wagner act. The delegates ratified the no-raiding pact already approved by the AFL and adopted a nine-point program to combat a downturn in the nation's economy.

Right to Work? A Slave, A Mule, Has This 'Right'!

Louisville, Ky.—The name "right to work," applied to anti-union laws sought by Big Business, is planned to mislead the public, the Kentucky State Federation of Labor declared in a pamphlet on open shop legislation proposed by Louis Bosse, managing director of the Associated Industries of Kentucky.

"Slaves in the old south had a right to work," the pamphlet, "Bosse's Folly," said. "Convicts in a chain gang have a right to work. Prisoners in a Russian concentration gang have a right to work. A mule hitched to a plow has a right to work."

WORK FOR WHO?

"Work for whom? Work for how much? Work under what conditions?"

"Bosse's legislation would outlaw thousands of union-security agreements that have been negotiated between labor and management. For over 150 years unions have had union-shop agreements in America! These agreements simply provide that those who benefit from union wages, hours and grievance procedure and other advantages must belong to the union which makes these things possible!"

Bosse's proposal, said the Kentucky AFL, would make open shops compulsory.

"If all stockholders wanted a union shop agreement with the union, if all company representatives wanted a union shop agreement, if all the employees wanted a union shop, it would be impossible to negotiate a valid union shop agreement because it would be illegal."

"Why outlaw a contract provision which everyone might want?"

The publication asserted that "unless all of Kentucky—including farmers, small businessmen, professionals, labor and big businessmen—understand what Bosse is really up to, Kentucky will lose more of her sons and daughters to other states in search of a decent job with a decent income."

UNION SHOPS UPHELD

The pamphlet noted that Bosse wrote a letter to Kentucky corporations branding union shops "un-American."

"Union shops are the result of the American principle of majority rule," it said. "Union shops are the result of the American principle of paying one's own way and not riding free on the coattails of others. If union shops are un-American, Kentucky management would be un-American as Kentucky management has been agreeing to union shop agreements for many years."

The pamphlet quoted the executive vice president of the Kentucky Chamber of Commerce who said last summer, "Let's get the record straight, I know of no single instance in which organized labor has kept an industry from Kentucky."

The federation referred to Bosse's desire to make check-off provisions illegal and said:

"The U. S. government uses the check-off for labor's income tax. The U. S. government uses the check-off for Social Security. The city of Louisville uses the check-off for occupational taxes. Kentucky union members donate tens of thousands of dollars to charities through the check-off."

Pointing to the excellent record Kentucky labor and Kentucky management have set for ironing out their differences amicably at the bargaining table, the pamphlet added:

"The Kentucky State Federation of Labor is proud of the good relationships that its 130,000 members and their families have enjoyed under collective bargaining contracts with Kentucky management. It is distressing that Associated Industries of Kentucky is inviting us to travel the road of industrial unrest and bitterness."

"We urge Associated Industries of Kentucky to join hands with the

free trade union movement of Kentucky in putting the welfare of Kentucky first, always!

"What is good for Kentucky is good for the Kentucky State Federation of Labor!"

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PAUL HALL, member of the board of trustees of the newly organized AFL-ILA, is shown addressing the first organizational rally of the dock workers' union in Brooklyn.